1	2	3	4
5	C-68/185	Sh. Sukhdev Dhir	12-1-1981
6	D-1A/75	Sh. B. B. Sharma	5-3-1980
7	C-5A/197	Sh. B.P. Chana	10-6-1980
8	C-5A/125	Sh. Govind Lal	1-7-1980
9	C-5A/128	Sh. R. K. Dua	7-8-1979
10	C-5A/211	Sh. K. Phul	29-5-1980
11	C-5A/279	Sh. K.C. Kumaralingam	27-8-1980
12	C-5A/239	Sh. E. Thulsi Raman	1-3-1984

Sub-standard supplies to fair price shops

2075. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sometimes rotten and sub-standard stocks are supplied to F. P. shops in Delhi and are not taken back by the F.C.I. despite complaints;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of such complaints lodged during the last three years; year-wise; and

(d) what action has been taken on each complaint?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) to (d) The number of complaints received during the last three years regarding supply of sub-standard foodgrains to fair price shops in Delhi is as follows:—

1982	5
1983	Nil
1984	1
1985 (till 14-8-85)	Nil

On investigation it was found that in three cases the complaint was regarding loss of lustre of wheat only. The wheat, however, conformed to the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act|Rules. One complaint was found to be baseless. In case of two complaints, the concerned fair price shop owners were warned and fined due to sale of sub-standard foodgrains even though they received fair average quality of foodgrains from Food Corporation of India.

Samples in fair price shops in Delhi

2076. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have tested the samples displayed in fair price shops in Delhi during the last three years, if so, with what results;

(b) what are the reasons for supply of sub-standard items in fair price shops; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to supply of quality items in F.P. shops?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) As per information furnished by Delhi Administration, no representative samples have been tested.

(b) Only such Specified Food Articles as conform to the "Fair average quality" are issued by the Food Corporation of India to the fair price shops for distribution to the consumers.

(c) In order to see that good quality of items are supplied through Food Corporation of India godowns, inspection is carried out by the officials of the Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation, the Food and Supplies Department, Delhi Administration, and the Technical Officers of the Food Corporation of India.

It has also been ordered that 2 fair price shop holders be present at each of the four Food Corporation of India godowns to see the quality of Specified Food Articles being supplied. It has been ordered that in the event of supply of inferior quality of foodgrains the fair price shop holder must make a complaint to the Circle F.S.O. within 24 hours and should not display such foodgrains for sale. Bad quality foodgrains are replaced within 72 hours by the Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation.

Fair Price Shops in Delhi

2077. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the articles in fair price shops of Delhi are not available and as a result ration card hodlers sometimes have to forego one or two items;

(b) whether Government have made any enquiry in the matter, if so, with what results;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps have been taken to ensure supply of all the items of good quality in fair price shop in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) Generally all articles are readily available in the fair price shops of Delhi and the cardholders are not required to forego any article due to its non-availability. In the rare case of any occasional shortage of any article in any area, immediate arrangements to reach the supplies there, are made by the Delhi Administration.

(d) The system of Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation reaching essential articles to the doorsteps of fair price shops has been introduced throughout Delhi. This system ensures regular and timely supply of essential articles of good quality to fair price shops and eliminates chances of their diversion to undesirable trade channels. The system also provides for prompt replacement of bad quality stocks, if any, in fair price shops, immediately on their detection. The supply of these articles to fair price shops is arranged one fortnight in advance so that the articles are available to the cardholders at the beginning of the fortnight for which they are meant. Arrangements have also been made to supply monthly quota of sugar to cardholders at their option.

Delhi Civi Supplies Corporation

2078. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the F.P.S. holders of Delhi are required to take their articles through the Delhi Civil Supplies Corporation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that sometimes articles so supplied are found bad in quality and lesser in weight;

(c) whether Government propose to restore the previous practice of collection of articles by the F.P.S.; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The specified food articles are reached by the Delhi State Supplies Corporation Ltd., to the door steps of the fair price shops.

(b) In case any articles are found to be bad in quality or less in weight, the fair price shop owner can, with the help of the Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., obtain replacement of those aritcles from the godowns of the Food Corporation of India.